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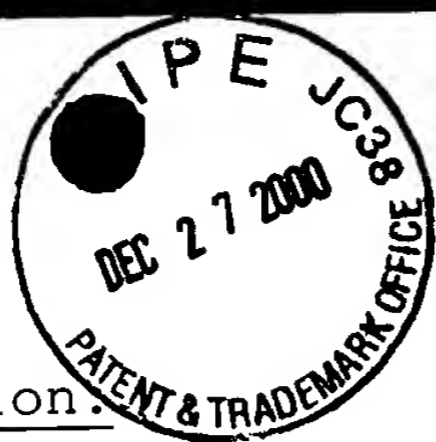
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In accordance with the Applicants' continuing obligation to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office all references coming to their attention which are related to the invention of the subject application, Applicants hereby direct the Office's attention to the following reference, a copy of which is being submitted herewith. Form PTO-1449 listing the reference is also enclosed.

Foreign Publication.

German Publication No. DE 195 48 747

Assignee: Voith Sulzer Papiermaschinen, GmbH,

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The document submitted is an English translation of the abstract of German Publication No. DE 195 48 747 A1, which publication was submitted in untranslated form in an IDS filed concurrently with the application.

The Applicants are of the opinion that the present invention is patentable over the cited reference. It is being submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to ensure that all pertinent art of which the Applicants are aware is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of this reference into the file of the present application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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